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 Reply to Office Action of 03/06/2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 6 and 14 were objected while claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 1, 4-5, 9 and 12-13 have been amended and claims 6, 14 and 17-54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 55-61 have been added, which are generally consistent with pending claims 1-5 and 7-8. Reconsideration of the outstanding claims is respectfully requested.

More specifically, claims 6 and 14 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if placed into independent form. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 9 to include limitations associated with claims 6 and 14, respectively. Allowance of claims 1 and 9 as well as those claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wagner (C Compiler Design for a Network Processor) in view of Harriman (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,960). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection based on the amendments set forth above.

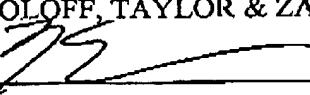
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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